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In re Application of:

Martin HEENEY et al.

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For : PROCESS OF PREPARING A DISUBSTITUTED 9-
ALKYLIDENEFLUORENE OR A DERIVATIVE THEREOFCOMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCECommissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants acknowledge the Notice of Allowability mailed 18 April 2005. Applicants respectfully submit that the cited prior art does not teach or suggest a process of preparing a compound of formula I.

No fee is believed to be due in association with this filing, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,


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